power development and improvement of the nutritional status of the population. The Committee has held 3 meetings. The effort is to involve voluntary agencies and grassroot level organisations for the implementation of the programmes, particularly Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Agricultural Universities. Special effort has been made to contact many of these organisations so that they would generate projects in the identified areas which will help either in providing better employment opportunities, economic and nutrimental conditions through biotechnology. tional status or improvement in environ- No R&D Centre or any other infrastructure facility in this connection has been set up anywhere in the country including Rajasthan.

Setting up of a Chemical Plant at Tripura, Andhra Pradesh

*307. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a chemical plant at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of life savings drugs

@*308. SHRI BASUMBON THA. KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of life-saving drugs in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to tackle the problem?

@Previously Starred Question 188, Transferred from the 4th December, 1991.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) No acute shortage of any life-saving drug has come to the notice of the Government. Instances of localized shortages of some branded formulations do come to notice but in most of the cases therapeutic equivalents are available.

309. [*Transferred to 20th December*, 1991]

Development plans/schemes of Madhya Pradesh pending clearance

*310. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of development plans/schemes of Madhya Pradesh are pending clearance with the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details of these plans and since when these are pending;

(c) what are the reasons for their long pendency; and

(d) by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Shivna Flood Control Scheme for protection of Mandsaur Town estimated to cost Rs. 187.94 lakhs and Flood Protection Scheme for Shujalpur Town estimated to cost Rs. 109 lakhs are pending in the Planning Commission for approval since September 1986 and May, 1990 respectively.

(c) and (d) The decision for investment clearance for the above schemes in the Planning Commission depends upon the overall resource availability with the State Government and the sectoral priorities attached to various sectors by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the Eighth Plan (1992-97) which is yet to be finalised.